

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 996**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Anderson**

February 27, 2009

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An act to add Section 68106 to the Government Code, relating to courts.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 996, as introduced, Anderson. Courts: continuous hours of operation.

Existing law requires all offices of every state agency to be kept open for the transaction of business from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. of each day from Monday to Friday, inclusive, other than legal holidays, but provides that any state agency or division, or branch or office thereof, may be kept open for the transaction of business on other hours and on other days.

This bill would authorize the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court, the presiding justice of a court of appeal, or the presiding judge of a superior court to order the court to operate on a continuous and ongoing basis, 24 hours per day, 7 days per week.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 68106 is added to the Government Code,
- 2 to read:
- 3 68106. Notwithstanding any other law, the Chief Justice of the
- 4 Supreme Court, the presiding justice of a court of appeal, or the

- 1 presiding judge of a superior court may order the court to operate
- 2 on a continuous and ongoing basis, 24 hours per day, seven days
- 3 per week.

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